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SENATE BILL NO. 2342

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Secretary

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-45-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE TO CHARGE A FEE FOR THE REGISTRATIONS OF PERSONS OR BUSINESSES IN THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL PROMOTIONS PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR REGISTERING PERSONS OR BUSINESSES IN THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 69-45-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 69-45-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-45-11. (1) Any person or business who participates in the Mississippi Agricultural Promotions Program shall register annually with the department * * * on forms prescribed by the department. * * * The department is authorized to charge an annual marketing assessment to defray costs and expenses associated with the program. The department serves to promote agriculture products in the state; thus, it assumes no legal liability by registering these persons or businesses.

(2) (a) The department may accept, budget, receive and expend funds from any source to implement, market and promote the program;

(b) The department may allow a federal, state or local governmental entity or a public, private, commercial or charitable entity to use, publish or advertise the entity's name on department property in its publications;

(c) Any funds received from this advertising shall be retained by the department and expended to market and promote the Mississippi Agricultural Promotions Program; and

(d) The department may accept, budget, receive and expend these funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in the manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 2. Section 69-45-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-45-13. There is created a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Agricultural Promotions Fund" within the State Treasury to receive all monies related to the Mississippi Agricultural Promotions Program. Monies deposited in the fund shall be expended, upon legislative appropriations, and upon requisition therefor by the Commissioner of Agriculture, for the * * * purposes of implementing, marketing and promoting the Mississippi Agricultural Promotions Program. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not

lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 1, 2016



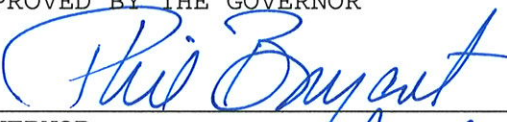
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PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 23, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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